

A true Coppy of the Instructions agreed upon.⁶
by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, and
sent to his Excellency the Earle of *Essex*, Lord Generall of the Army,
concerning the advancing of his Forces towards his Majesty, &c.



FIRST you shall carefully restraine all Impieties, Prophanesse, and Disorders, Ryot, Insolence, and plundering in your Souldiers, as well by strict and severe punishment of such offences as by all other meanes which you in your wisedomes shall thinke fit.

SEcondly, your Lordship is to march with such forces as you thinke fit towards the Army, raised in his Majesties Name against the Parliament and Kingdome, and with them, or any part of them, to fight at such time and place as you shall judge to conduce to the peace and safety of the Kingdome; And you shall use your utmost endeavours by Battaille or otherwise to rescue his Majesties person, and the persons of the Prince, and Duke of *Torke* out of the hands of those desperate persons who are now about them.

THirdly, you shall take an opportunity in some safe and Honourable way to cause the Petition of both houses of Parliament herewith sent unto you, to be presented unto his Majestie, and if his Majesty shall please thereupon to withdraw himselfe from the forces now about him, and to resort to the Parliament, you shall cause all these forces to disband, and shall secure and defend his Majesty with a sufficient strength in his returne.

Fourthly, You shall publish and declare, that if any, who have been seduced by the false aspersions cast upon the proceedings of the Parliament, as to assist the King in the acting of those dangerous Counsels, shall willingly within ten dayes after such publication in the Army, returne to their duty, not doing any hostile act within the time limited, and joyne themselves with the Parliament, in defence of Religion, his Majesties person, the Liberties and Lawes of the Kingdome, and priviledges of Parliament, with their persons and Estates, as the Members of both Houses, and the rest of the Kingdome have done: That the Lords and Commons will be ready upon their submission to receive such persons in such manner as they shall have cause to acknowledge they have bin used with clemency and favour: Provided, that this shall not extend to admit any man into eyther House of Parliament who stands suspended, without giving satisfaction to the House whereof hee shalbe a Member: and except all persons who stand impeached, or particularly voted in eyther House of Parliament for any delinquency whatsoever; Excepting likewise such Adherents of those who stand impeached in Parliament of Treason, as have been eminent persons & chiefe Actors in those Treasons; And except the Earle of *Bristol*, the Earle of *Cumberland*, the Earle of *New-Castle*, the Earle *Rivers*, Secretary *Nicholas*, Mr. *Endimion Porter*, Mr. *Edward Hyde*, the Duke of *Richmond*, the Earle of *Carnarvan*, the Lord Viscount *Newmarke*, the Lord Viscount *Faulkland* being one of the principall Secretaries of State to his Majesty.

Fifthly, you shall apprehend the persons of all these who stand impeached in Parliament, or have bin declared Traytors by both or either house of *Parliament*, or other Delinquents, and you shall send them unto the *Parliament* to receive condigne punishment according to their offences.

Sixthly, you shall receive the Loanes, or Contributions of Money, Plate, or Horse from all his Majesties loving Subjects, which they shall be willing to make for the support of the charge of the Army, and better discharge of the service of the Common-wealth; And you shall certifie all such summes of Money, and the value of such horses, that the persons thereupon may have the publike faith for payment to be made unto them, as to others of his Majesties subjects upon the subscription of Money, Plate, and Horse.

Seventhly, you shall carefully protect all his Majesties loving Subjects from Rapine and violence by any of the Cavaliers, or other of his Majesties pretended Army, or by any of the souldiers of the Army which you command; and you shall cause the Armour and Goods of any person to be restored to them from whom they have beene unjustly taken.

Eighthly you shall observe such further Directions and Instructions as you from time to time receive from both Houses of Parliament.